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SUBJECT: CANDIDATES FOR TOP OIL POSTS

AREVALO REYES, DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION OF MINISTRY OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS, WHO IS HIGHEST RANKING OFFICIAL OF THAT MINISTRY WHO IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH AD PARTY, CONFIRMED TO PETROLEUM ATTACHE TODAY THAT VALENTIN HERNANDEZ IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BECOME MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS. REYES SAID THAT THE MAIN THING THAT HAS HELD UP ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT IS THAT HERNANDEZ IS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH PROPOSAL TO NAME ARTURO HERNANDEZ-GRISANTI AS HEAD OF STATE OIL COMPANY (CVP) WITH RANK OF CABINET MINISTER. HERNANDEZ REASONS, PROBABLY QUITE CORRECTLY, THAT HE WOULD BE IN DANGER OF BEING OVERSHADOWED BY HERNANDEZ-GRISANTI WHO IS EXTREMELY WELL KNOWN AD POLITICIAN AND WAS CONSIDERED TO BE AD'S OIL EXPERT IN LAST CONGRESS. REYES THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT HERNANDEZ-GRISANTI, WHOSE APTITUDES ARE MORE USEFUL IN CONGRESS THAN IN EXECUTIVE BRANCH, WOULD BECOME HEAD OF COMMITTEE OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. CLEARLY, HERNANDEZ-GRISANTI WOULD PREFER TO BECOME MINISTER BUT THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE IN THE CARDS AT THIS TIME.

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